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PEOPLE'S LEAGUE DRAW PLATFORM AT CONVENTION

Meeting in Calgary Thursday night, Friday of last week the executive of the People's League of Alberta clarified the stand regarding future policy and program.

The League will, should necessity demand, take political action provided a general convention favors such a step. Alternately it offers itself as a unifying force designed to promote sound, business government for the citizens of Alberta.

The statement covering future policy, unanimously accepted Friday morning, said:

The People's League of Alberta believes that political party cleavage prevents unified action by persons holding as individuals the same views on the more important provincial issues, and is a destructive force, detrimental to the best interests of the province. It, therefore, abundantly clear that such unifying forces are required to bring about sound and progressive government. With a view to attaining this objective the People's League of Alberta as a non-partisan organization, offers itself as such unifying force, but stands ready to take direct political action if deemed necessary by a properly constituted convention.

As the statement covering policy was so readily accepted to the executive gathering so was a general program embracing six major clauses as follows:

1. The League is pledged to maintain all the fundamental principle of democracy, the right of the individual to freedom of thought and speech, freedom of the press and unrestricted access to the courts of justice, and is unalterably opposed to the practice of government by order-in-council.

2. Except for the maintenance of essential public services the League is pledged to maintain a progressive economic system based on private and co-operative enterprise, subject to such government regulation as may be necessary in the public interest.

3. The League favors a policy of readjustment and reduction of private debts by cancellation of such cases on its individual merits, if possible by the extension and improvement of the existing federal machinery for this purpose, and the elimination of conflicting legislation.

4. The League favors a policy of adjustment and reduction of public debts by negotiation between creditor and debtor, and the establishment of a procedure for arbitration in the event of disagreement.

5. The League believes that satisfactory government can only be attained by the application of recognized business principles; it believes that the legislature of Alberta should be reduced to not more than 24 members; and it favors the complete removal of the civil service from the field of political patronage with the establishment of a provincial civil service commission.

6. In order to raise the standard of living and to bring economic security to our people, we recognize that special attention be paid to the orderly development of our natural resources, the attraction of industries, particularly those having relation to our natural and agricultural resources, and the careful study of our agricultural problem.

7. The People's League of Alberta shall confine its activities to provincial issues only.

Drafted by farmers for their own industry, a comprehensive program for consideration of the entire membership of the People's League of Alberta was carefully discussed during the two day meeting of the temporary executive, in Calgary.

Basis behind the recommendations of a sound policy for all branches of the industry hinges on solution of producer problem, co-operating efforts and obtaining better service from provincial departments.

The executive, in view of its temporary status felt that no definite agricultural policy could be adopted but from time to time will present suggestions for groups to discuss and report back later at a general provincial convention.

There is some talk of holding a stampede here early in June.

Citizens to Entertain Hockey Club With Banquet And Dance

For a number of years, ever since the time the Gunners joined the Bow Valley League—the club has been gradually running into debt. This year again the club has to show a large deficit. It is the intention of the executive, however, to make a special effort to come out with a clean slate and it is for this reason that an appeal is being made to the community at large to help in this attempt.

A very fine spirit has been shown by the Gleichen firemen who, in order to help the Hockey Club, have for this year sacrificed their annual dance on Easter Monday so that the Gunners might have this date for a hockey game. This is proof of a very commendable community spirit and if all citizens of the town and district are willing to lend their support in the same manner the Gunners should not be long in satisfying their creditors who so willingly have been carrying them for a term of years.

In order to give the people of Gleichen and surroundings an opportunity to show their interest, a supper banquet will be held on April 9th in the Gleichen Community Hall. Tickets will be sold for this event but everything even to the music for an informal dance will be donated so that funds obtained from the sale of tickets will be a clear profit. It is the intention of making this banquet a real community event where everyone may have a good time and get-together. It is held in honor of the Gleichen Gunners who will be present as guests.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS CRAIGANTLER AND DISTRICT

Mrs. Henry Dankworth and daughter were visitors with Miss Jessie Grant last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Selgenen were weekend visitors to Calgary.

Jack Stickle was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Sheets last week. Jack had the misfortune to get his lame leg hurt while working in a mine at East Coulee.

MacDonald had a very good attendance at the school dance recently held.

Henry Dankworth gave a splendid birthday party at his home. Sixty children in a few well chosen words congratulated Henry on reaching his 65th birthday, and wished him many more years of married life.

Although nothing official has been given out, it is reported two of our younger set were married lately. We wish them all kinds of luck.

THE WORLD OF WHEAT

By H. G. L. Strange Director of "Crop Testing Plan."

A most unusual situation exists at the moment with the price of wheat on world markets.

No. 1 Northern Canadian wheat at Liverpool is selling for 14 cents a bushel more than the best Australian, 21 cents higher than the best Indian and 25 cents more than the best Argentine.

These spreads are considerably greater than the extra quality of Manitoban usually warrants, yet today, at these wide spreads, such quantities weekly are being purchased as will probably bring the "carry-over" of Canadian wheat on August 1st next down to a normal level of not more than 40 million bushels.

Why is it that suddenly the world is purchasing so much Canadian wheat at such unusual premiums?

Two explanations are made. One is that some countries in Europe, particularly Italy and Germany, are this year very short of food for their people and so are willing to pay these prices. The other thought is that a good deal of Canadian wheat now

being purchased is not for immediate consumption, but rather for storing up against possible war. Canadian wheat is particularly well-suited for this because it has good keeping qualities.

Sooner or later, however, these wide price spreads will narrow up.

Following factors have tended to raise price: Italy and Germany continue to purchase wheat from many countries in large quantities. Spain bidding for wheat. Argentine large shipments being eagerly bought. Wheat area in North China needs additional moisture. Prices of many raw materials rising. Mexican vegetable crops damaged by frosts.

Following factors have tended to lower price: European crop conditions generally favorable. India expects to start shipping to world markets soon. Argentine and Australian crops of high quality. U.S.A. winter wheat belt receives precipitation. Germany permits admixture of potato and rye flour in bread. Russia has a record acreage in grains.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Call is not responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents. Editor Call:

Referring to the article which appeared in The Call two weeks ago, namely, The People's League of Alberta, under which the supervision of two addresses were given over the air by Dr. J. S. McEachern. As I did not hear these broadcasts I sent in by mail to have them forwarded in printed form as suggested by the secretary of the League, to anyone by request, I duly received these by mail, and I don't happen to know Dr. McEachern personally, but I take the liberty here of saying that he should be congratulated on these two addresses. After having read them all I could say was "thank providence there is still someone in the province that can come out and speak their mind in public."

My special reason for writing you is to take this opportunity of recommending them to anyone, that like myself did not hear the addresses. Furthermore, to those who have already heard the addresses it will do them good to re-read them. To anyone that is interested in good government, and I think most people are, may have these addresses by mail on request, and I would like to suggest also that as the People's League is just newly formed, that those requesting same

FROM THE FILES OF GLEICHEN CALL TWENTY YEARS AGO

C. Solberg and wife have returned from spending six weeks visiting relatives in Dakota.

Miss Carrie McArthur returned last week from Winnipeg where she has been residing for some months past. Dr. and Mrs. McEwen of Aldersson spent a few days last week visiting the former's sister, Mrs. J. A. McDonald.

Joe Marshall left Monday for Taber, where he will take a similar position in the Royal Bank as he held here.

The Palace Hotel proprietors are offering their dining room free of rent to anyone who will take it over.

According to the number of letters appearing in The Call a hot time has been raised over the location of the new bridge south of Cluny.

R. A. Brown, wife and child have left for Lethbridge to make that their permanent home, where he has accepted a position in the Hudson's Bay Store, under his old friend and employer F. H. Blackburne.

Last week P. J. Umbrite sold the "leave-overs," as he expressed it, of his hogs for the season to the Pacific Cold Storage, receiving \$286 for the twelve. This is his third shipment for the season, having disposed of 200 porkers.

Geo. Desjardine and wife returned last week from an extended trip to California.

In the Standard district the farmers are well pleased with the prospect of a farmers elevator at Standard. Most of them are well supplied with shares.

Mrs. Ringer left Saturday for Pittsburg to visit her daughter who is very ill. She will return shortly.

Wells Hayes, wife and family, left on Monday for Farmington, Utah. Mr. Hayes came to Gleichen some ten years ago.

Golden Jubilee degree team visited Calgary Tuesday night and demonstrated their prowess.

SPEND \$40,000 ON LEVEL CROSSINGS

An expenditure of about \$40,000 will be made in Alberta this year on the elimination of level crossings, it was reported recently from Ottawa. The appropriation will be provided from the grade crossing fund which is administered by the Board of Railway Commissioners.

Need of action along this line is demonstrated by the fact that 113 people were killed and 375 injured in railway accidents in Canada during the past year. Alberta has had its share of this type of traffic accident, with the subsequent toll of life or serious injury. In the United and in Canada the vital need of removing these highway crossing hazards has been realized more and more in the last few years.

The Dominion government showed its interest in the matter some years ago providing \$1,000,000 for the purpose. A large part of that appropriation has been expended.

Need of eliminating level crossings has been urged upon the government authorities of Alberta for some considerable time. The \$40,000 voted for this province may be utilized to a greater extent than anticipated if other interest which would benefit from such traffic improvements agree to bear a share of the expenditure. This has been arranged in connection with improvements elsewhere of a similar nature.

COMING EVENTS

March 12—Play and dance at Meadowbrook.

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J. HEWETSON.

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Medium onion, chopped
2 Tablespoons of flour
2 Cups of milk
Salt and pepper to taste

Remove the skin and bones from the fish and cut into small pieces. Cook the fish, the diced potatoes and the carrots in the water for 15 minutes. Fry the salt pork until crisp, remove the pieces and cook the onion in the fat until well browned and gradually add the milk, stirring until the mixture is smooth and thick. Combine this mixture with the fish and vegetables, season to taste with salt and pepper, simmer for about 10 minutes, stirring frequently and serve.

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As Christian people approach Pass Week and meditate upon the awful ordeal through which our Lord passed before His death they are apt to wonder at His perfect self-control, unflinching courage and absence of all vindictiveness in spite of the horrible treatment He received.

The secret of His strength is found in the way He lived before the crisis came upon Him. He had discovered an unfailing source of strength and courage which is available for all His followers, but only a few have learned His way.

We read that on this continent about 200 dialects are spoken, and it seems that our radio has mastered them all.

ANCIENT CUSTOM LINGERS ON

Fishermen from the Atlantic to the Pacific are hopeful that the present effort of the Canadian Government to promote the consumption of Canadian fish will result in people eating more fish throughout the week rather than confining this delicacy to Fridays.

Though fish has been eaten as a food since prehistoric times, the early Christian Church has decreed that meat should be eaten on Fridays and fast days but that fish might be substituted. From that time a practice that has persisted down to the present time and has led people of every denomination to associate fish with Friday often to the virtual exclusion of other days.

According to leading executives of the fishing industry, this habit is not only harmful to the industry but is robbing the people of many advantages.

Town & District

Easter services will be held in St. Andrew's Church on March 21st at 11 a.m. Watch for further announcements.

A surprise skating party was held recently in honor of Miss Allison Evans, at the home of Miss Ruth Unbrite. The moon aided by a large bonfire lit the rink. After a bounteous lunch games were much enjoyed for the remainder of the evening.

The United Church Sunday School very ably presented an entertainment in the church on evening last week. The performance was very largely attended and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present.

Workmen started Monday to tear down the old Bogstie implement shed. This building of late years has been used as the Blackfoot municipality to manufacture hopper poison. Thus another old land mark disappears.

Mrs. H. James and Miss Maureen Young entertained in honor of Miss Allison Evans who will near the end of this month enter the profession of nursing at Edmonton. The evening was spent in playing cards. First prize was won by Mrs. Mahoney and the consolation by Miss Evans. A dainty lunch was served, and every one spent a very enjoyable evening.

The Junior U.F.A. again spent an enjoyable evening at the home of Mrs. Oliver on Saturday March 6th, twenty-three young people being present. After a short business session, in which a vote of thanks was given to the Seniors for their kind donation of eleven dollars, games were enjoyed. E. D. won first prize in a miscellaneous guessing contest while Clarence won the booty in a jumbled word contest. The guests, "dressed" for lunch in various unique costumes that were handed out in parcels. A delicious turkey supper was then served. As the occasion celebrated Ryland's birthday a great deal of fun was derived from the fortune telling trinkets found in the cake. The meeting closed with For They are Joy God Fellows. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Hall's home on March 27.

Half a million tons of fish and sea products are taken out of Canadian waters—ocean, lake and river—every year by Canada's 70,000 commercial fishermen, Herring from the Atlantic and the Pacific for the greater part of the catch with an average annual yield of more than 100,000 tons. Canada's fisheries produce over seventy kinds of marketable species, possibly more than any other country. British Columbia, is responsible for one third of the value of all Canadian fish production and most of it goes into cans for export to all parts of the world. In 1918 Canada's fish production was worth \$60,000,000 but today, due to depressed conditions in foreign markets, the value is down to approximately \$35,000,000. Home consumption of fish is only about 30 per cent of the total.

Tobacco is a weed and should therefore, be one of the easiest things to grow. It is the most difficult. Tobacco seeds have first to be raised in a greenhouse in specially prepared soil and cannot be planted outdoors until the earth has been sterilized with steam. The seed is no bigger than a grain of pepper and half an ounce is enough to plant a twenty-acre field. The seedlings are planted by hand with great care. Two months after transplanting the tobacco plant is three feet high. All flower buds and new shoots are nipped off in order to preserve the strength of the plant. The soil is kept purposely poor so that period of ripening can be controlled by the application of the proper amount of fertilizer. After the leaves have ripened they are picked and dried either by air or heat according to type.

ages. If the people eat more fish throughout the week, they would be assured of fresher fish and they would get it at lower prices. The increased demand for the products of sea, lake and river would give an impetus to the whole industry and, while retail prices to the public would drop, the price to the fisherman would increase, owing to the lessening of the present overhead caused by the public habit of eating fish mostly on Fridays.

Not only the fishing industry but the medical profession are behind the move to encourage people to eat more fish throughout the week. Many medical columnists of newspapers have gone on record as to the nutritive and healthful value of fish. With its richness in proteins, minerals and other elements, they say, fish is an important article of diet, as nourishing as other foods and more easily digested.

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